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Dear Sir:

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated August 12, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 12 of this paper and include both attached replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.